

Boston, April 16, 1859.

My dear Johnson:

211 Yours of yesterday is just received. I will not delay an answer to it. I do not wonder that you have felt a disappointment in not hearing from me before this, in reply to other letters that you have written; but, the truth is, for a month past, I have been "good for nothing" — a mere "lumberer of the ground" — in consequence of ill health; for the most part of the time lying upon my back, with a severe spinal attack, which assumed a neuralgic form; accompanied with a slow fever which still courses through my whole system, and renders me unfit for any kind of mental

or physical effort. Hence I
have omitted nearly all corre-
spondence, though day after day
hoping to be able to meet it.
I am somewhat relieved,
but still far from feeling
well. I'll do as I may,
I should have made an
effort promptly to answer
your first letter, in regard
to an increase of your salary,
had I felt I could be warranted
in giving you any hope of
success in your application.

But I said nothing to the
Committee about it, because
I knew it would be useless
to do so - not for lack of a
just appreciation of your
valuable services and
arduous labors, not because
yours is an adequate salary.

but because the expenses of
the Standard are already so
great, that they keep our
Committee divided on the
question of continuing it
any longer. Besides, before
your letter came, we had just
voted to accept the proposition
to enroll Harriet Martineau
among the regular correspondents
of the Standard, at an expense
of £50 per annum - an
acquisition to us, for many
reasons, worth a great deal
more than the cost; one
or two of our Committee, how-
ever, demurring even to this
arrangement. My hope is,
that the Standard will so
increase its subscription list
as hereafter to make an

increase of your salary a more than probable event.

I know how you labor, and can imagine the endless interruptions and annoyances to which you are subjected, in your daily routine.

I know, too, how expensive city living is, and how that expense is augmenting rather than diminishing.)

My own experience is very convincing on that point; for my house is a semi-hotel with the numerous anti-slavery friends and visitors whom I am called to entertain, and whose presence is ever welcome. So what I will, my annual expenses are large, as my situation here exposes me to these liabilities.

unavoidably. I am never so far in funds as to have a spare dollar by me, using what economy I can.

The obituary notice of our departed friend Arnold Buffum was very well prepared, if it was written by Lewis Tappan; yet I suppose I should not have copied it into the Liberator, if I had known or suspected that it came from the pen of L. T. It seems he is angry because I omitted the fact, that friend Buffum was a member of the Executive Committee of the American and Foreign A. S. Society; but I took that liberty,

because I never felt that
A. B. was at all animated
by the new organization spirit,
though I always thought he
was culpable in consenting
to remain in such a connex-
ion; and he always seemed
to me to be singularly obfuscated
in supposing, or pleading that
his justification was to be
found in his willingness to
work with everybody in behalf
of the slave. You describe
his characteristics accurately.
If you think I had better
insert what I left out,
I will do so; but, in that
case, I shall have to
make some comments
which I would rather not
be forced to print.

Your solicitude in regard to our approaching anniversary is largely shared by myself.

I am not aware, however, that any one is thinking of making an issue with me, or with our Society, on that occasion; but we, in some sort, must always "kiss for luck" at our anniversary.

If we "cut and dry" every meeting, we shall be sure to have a storm raised in the quarter, and by the persons, to whom you refer; yet, as far as practicable, our Committee will be disposed to make the needful arrangements.

As yet, we do not know,

Certainly, who will consent to speak, beyond the Rev. Mr. Milligan of Pennsylvania.

Phillips we must calculate upon, of course. I hope Dr. Furness will be with us.

Rev. O. B. Frothingham has promised to do so, conditionally.

Whether I shall be able to take my part in the proceedings, I cannot now tell.

We shall be glad to have Mr. Giddings, if he be in the city at that time.

Victoria and her husband passed through Boston, a day or two since, for New Bedford. I saw Mr. Smith, for a few moments, at the office, and expected to see them both at my house, by agreement, in the afternoon, but a hail storm

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prevented. Lasting bliss
be theirs!

Warmest regards to
Mary Ann.
W. L. G.

Mr. Burr has offered
to be our reporter this
year, but Mr. Ferris
is engaged for this anni-
versary.

